

**REMARKS**

Claims 272-308 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is anticipated that this rejection should be moot in view of the present amendments.

Particularly Claim 272 was rejected on the basis that the recitation "a human T1R1 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence encoded by SEQ ID NO:17" is confusing and erroneous. This rejection is believed to have been obviated as Claim 272 is amended herein to recite "a human T1R1 polypeptide having the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:17. Withdrawal of the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection of Claims 272-308 is therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action also indicates that claims 272-308 stand rejected under double patenting grounds based on commonly assigned US Serial No. 10/724,223. This rejection is obviated herein by the submission of a Terminal Disclaimer. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It is anticipated that the present amendments and remarks should place the case in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing, a Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment, Examiner Ulm is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone (703-714-7645) so that these issues can be resolved by Examiner's Amendment or a Supplemental Response.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with the filing of this Amendment. However, in the event that the calculations of the Office differ, Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such variance or credit any overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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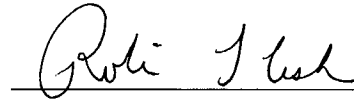
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